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SUBJECT: PERON ADDRESSES CGT

SUMMARY. IN MEETING WITH CGT PRESIDENT PERON CALLED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF LABOR TRAINING INSTITUTES AND LABOR ATTACHE CORP TO FURTHER ESTABLISHMENT OF CLOSEST POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER LATIN AMERICAN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS. HE CALLED FOR CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE RATHER THAN REVOLUTIONARY DESTRUCTIVE CONFRONTATION AS MEANS TO BRING ABOUT NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN FIRST OF PROMISED WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH ORGANIZED LABOR, HELD OCT 25 AT CGT, PERON SPOKE ON BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS OF ORGANIZED LABOR. HE NOTED THAT IN FUTURE MEETING HE WOULD DISCUSS IN MORE DETAIL THE TOPICS TOUCHED ON.

2. IN THE INTERNATIONAL SPHERE PERON STRESSED THE NEED TO ESTABLISH THE "CLOSEST POSSIBLE RELATIONS WITH OTHER LATIN AMERICAN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS", AS "ORGANIC, CONTINENTAL TRADE UNION UNITY" IS A NECESSITY IN THE COMING AGE OF "CONTINENTALISM", WHEN SMALL NATIONS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SURVIVE IN A WORLD OF "LARGER ASSOCIATION", PERON STATED THAT ALTHOUGH ARGENTINA HAD WORLD'S "BEST ORGANIZED AND TRAINED LABOR MOVEMENT", IT MUST

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FURTHER PREPARE ITSELF FOR ITS ROLE IN THE HEMISPHERE. HE CALLED

FOR THE CGT AND EACH NATIONAL UNION TO ESTABLISH AND BEGIN LEADERS. PERON ALSO STATED THAT A WORKER ATTACHE CORP WOULD BE REESTABLISHED, WITH ATTACHES BEING SENT TO EMBASSIES IN "ALL COUNTRIES", TO EXPAND AND STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH OTHER LABOR MOVEMENTS. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, THE ATTACHES WOULD HAVE TO BE TRAINED FIRST, IN "SPECIAL PREPARATIONS", AND CULTURE.

3. ON DOMESTIC MATTERS PERON STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, AND ORGANIZED LABOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR INCREASING PRODUCTION. HE SAID THAT HE OPED TO BRING LABOR'S SHARE OF THE GNP, WHICH PRESENTLY STANDS AT "33 PERCENT", UP TO 50 PERCENT, WITH CAPITAL AND LABOR EQUALLY SHARING THE FRUITS OF DEVELOPMENT. HE PONTED OUT THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE AND AGREEMENTS, RATHER THAN DESTRUCTIVE FIGHTING OR CONFRONTATION, AS MEANS TO BRING ABOUT DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL CHANGE. HE RIDICULED AS FOOLS THOSE WHO CALL FOR REVOLUTION, AND SUGGESTED THAT THOSE WHO DO, "WANT TO HAPPEN TO HIM WHAT HAPPENED TO ALLENDE OF CHILE".

4. COMMENT. THERE WAS NO OPEN DIALOGUE AT THE MEETING, AS IT WAS DEDICATED ENTIRELY TO PERON'S SPEECH. HIS POSITION, WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE FOLLOWED BY ORGANIZED LABOR, STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF A HIGHLY NATIONALISTIC LABOR MOVEMENT, WHICH SEEKS A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

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